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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of the General Counsel

SUBJECT: Request for Comments on Proposed Vietnam Constitution

1. Attached is a translation of a proposed draft for a Vietnam Constitution which was prepared by a special committee appointed by Premier Diem.

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2. As per a verbal discussion between Mr. [REDACTED], General Counsel's Office, and [REDACTED] on 14 October 1955, it is requested that the Office of the General Counsel prepare appropriate comments on the enclosed draft constitution. These comments should include constructive criticism on various points of the constitution with suggestions for improvement, and also praise for specific points which represent constructive thinking on the part of the Vietnamese.

3. It is requested that these comments be prepared and forwarded to FE Division by 21 October 1955. FE Division realizes this does not provide your office with much time to study something as complex as a constitution. However, it is urgent that appropriate comments be made as soon as possible in order to attempt to propose improvements to the Vietnam Government. A request for CIA comments and suggestions was made directly to a [REDACTED] recently.

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Chief, Far East Division

Enclosure: (1)

1. As stated above